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1. [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE INITIAL COVERAGE OF ASTRAKHAN AIRFIELD NORTHWEST. AT THAT TIME THERE WAS A SINGLE 8,000 X 200 FT E/W CONCRETE RUNWAY WITH TAXIWAYS AND APRONS TO THE SOUTH. SUPPORT FACILITIES WERE COMPLETE AT THAT TIME. FOURTEEN SUBSEQUENT KH

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[REDACTED] REPORTED NO CHANGE OR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

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2. [REDACTED] REVEALED AN AAM FACILITY SOUTH OF RUNWAY CENTER AND PERMITTED IDENTIFICATION OF 64 HIGH PERFORMANCE FIGHTER AIR-CRAFT.

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5. THIS MISSION REVEALS THREE NEWLY IDENTIFIED FACILITIES. (1) A FENCED, DRONE LAUNCH FACILITY IS LOCATED 0.5 NM NORTH OF THE WEST END OF THE RUNWAY. IT CONSISTS OF 6 PADS, A CONTROL BUNKER, AND 3 ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS. THERE ARE 7 DRONES IN THE AREA. (2) A FENCED, DRONE MAINTENANCE/CHECKOUT FACILITY CONTAINING ONE HANGAR AND 7 OTHER BUILDINGS IS SITUATED 0.5 NM SOUTH OF THE WEST END OF THE RUNWAY. ELEVEN DRONES AND 12 PROBABLE DRONE SHIPPING CRATES ARE IN THIS AREA. ALL OF THE DRONES ARE PROBABLE LA-17M TYPE. (3) AN UNIDENTIFIED, SECURED AREA CONTAINING 3 BUILDINGS IS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE WEST END OF THE RUNWAY.

A TOTAL OF 129 AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED. THERE ARE 12 BEAGLE, 30 FISHBED, 41 FISHPOT, 14 FRESCO, 4 FAGOT, 1 COOT, 4 CAB, 1 COLT, 1 CREEK, 1 HOUND, 2 MASCOT, AND 18 DRONE.

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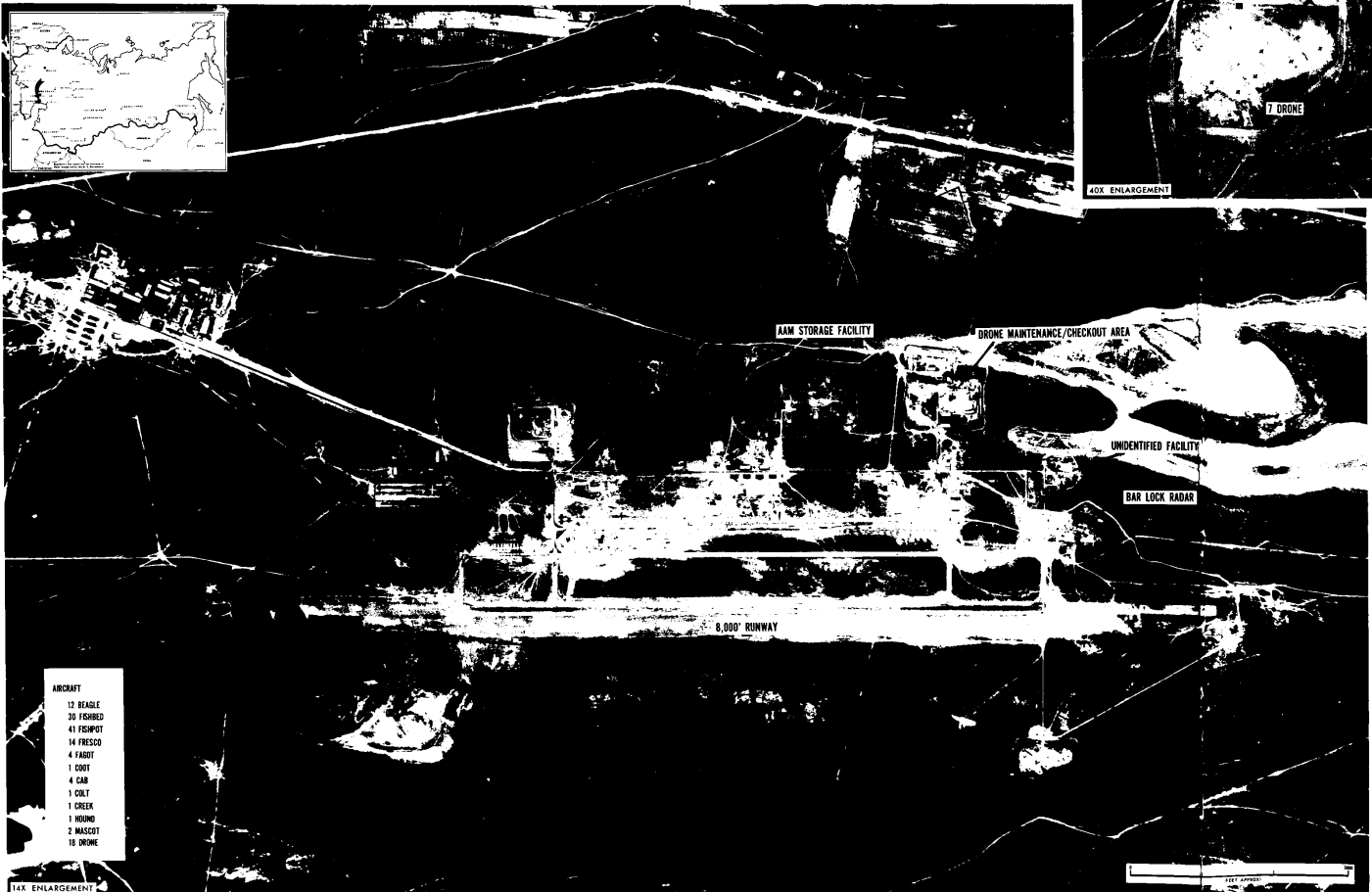
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